

A one-month extension is respectfully requested. Fees should be charged to deposit account no. 14-1263.

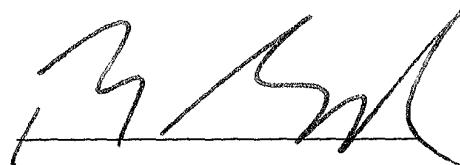
The examiner takes the position that applicants are permitted to elect a single species, relying on MPEP 803.04. However, this passage states (in the second paragraph quoted by the examiner) that "normally ten sequences constitute a reasonable number for examination purposes."

In paper no. 15, the examiner already accepted this principle, accepted the election of SEQ ID NOS. 1-20 (corresponding to 10 pairs), and searched these sequences. Therefore, as the standard has not changed since that time, applicant requests that the examiner confirm that 10 pairs (20 sequences) may be elected in the present application.

On that basis, with respect to claim 15, applicant provisionally elects the 10 pairs identified as SEQ ID NOS. 1-20. However, it is asserted that as claim 14 is generic, an allowance of claim 14 will result in the retention of the entirety of claim 15 (including all 233 pairs) in the application. Claim 16 is already limited to these pairs, and so an election is not necessary.

Wherefore, allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce S. Londa".

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